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AN INFORMAL INTERVIEW WITH DIGETTE

(Our Cover Girl)

RAMBLER: Have you been a long time resident of Sacramento?

DIGETTE: I have lived in Sacramento since I was 5 years old.

RAMBLER: What first prompted your interest in the Sacramento gay community?

DIGETTE: I was first introduced to a gay bar by a girlfriend of mine. We were in the same bowling league. That first night in the bar I felt so comfortable and enjoyed myself so much, that I returned again and again. I developed so many friendships with the gay kids where eventually I felt as one with them.

RAMBLER: You have worked long and hard for the gay community here. What do you see you like best about it and what would you most like to change? Where would you like to help it go?

DIGETTE: I like seeing that more adult organizations have formed in the last few years, such as the River City Business Association, SacPAC, the Sacramento Political Action Caucus, and Our Community United, to name a few. I would like to see more professional people join these organizations to help them grow. I would also like it very much if organizations could work more closely together for the common goal of gay freedom.

RAMBLER: What would you like to see change?

DIGETTE: I would like for those individuals who sit back and watch to get involved. I would like them to experience the enjoyment of inner growth which comes from getting involved. I'd like the newcomers to Sacramento to join organizations to make it easier for them to meet others and form closer friendships. I would like for individuals to stop tearing down organizations who strive to achieve more unity and more understanding between us. I would like to help rid the community of the prejudices within because many years were spent to fight the prejudices against us.

RAMBLER: You've been honored and recognized by many groups for your work and support. Why of all your awards the the 'Mother Jeffries' award move you to tears?

DIGETTE: I knew 'Mother Jeffries' personally. We went to high school and graduated together. He was the only person from my graduating class who reappeared in the gay community. He was a loving

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The Mercantile House



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and giving person, understanding of all persons' feelings. When I met him again in the gay community his compassion for others had grown. Besides working in the gay community for his brothers and sisters, he worked in the parks and recreation system. Giving his time to underprivileged children in Sacramento - he taught them how to better understand their peers and taught them right from wrong. From his example I have striven to follow his guidelines. I believe I have experienced some of the joys which he had during his lifetime. He was a precious person! I would not hold back the tears because the moment I received the award, I felt we were as ONE!

(Interviewer's Note: No amount of words on paper could ever convey the emotions felt by and shown by Digette as she talked of 'Mother Jeffries.)

RAMBLER: We know you have personal opinions of the Reno Gay Rodeo Contest. Would you like to take this time to give your views as an insider (3 years ago) and as an outsider (last year)?

DIGETTE: Three years ago when the community elected me Miss Gay Cowgirl II by donating money to muscular dystrophy through me, they allowed me a unique experience. They (the community) gave me, in essence, permission to represent them in Reno for the national contest. In Reno I tried my best to bring home a coup for Sacramento. However, I didn't win "Miss National Reno Gay Rodeo." There were a few people at the rodeo who treated me like an outsider, but I think it was only because they didn't know me personally. Phil Ragsdale, the promoter of the Reno Gay Rodeo was ever so kind to me. A personal friend of mine, Red, was gored by a bull. Phil cared enough to find out for me which hospital Red was taken to and found someone to take me there. I am grateful to him for the kindness he showed to me.

Last year I was deeply hurt when I was not allowed to enter the contest here in Sacramento. The reason given was that I am not gay. It is a fine point, because I consider myself a gay person even though, sexually speaking, I am straight. I didn't care so much for the winning of the contest, because the year before I only entered to get the opportunity to raise money for my favorite charity. The money I raised that year I donated to another contestant. When it came time for the rodeo last year, at first I didn't want to go, but then people in the community talked me into going as a protest. I went with the intention of meeting as many people as I could to show them who I really was. I must say, even though I went in

protest, when I got there I had more fun and met more beautiful friends than I could have imagined. I now have friends in Australia, Germany, Canada, England, France, Texas, New York, New Orleans, Salt Lake City, Florida, Nevada, and my home state California.

At last year's rodeo, it seemed to me there was a new attitude among the people in attendance. An attitude of openness and friendship. I had one hell of a good time. To date, I have no hard feelings toward anyone connected with organizing the Reno Gay Rodeo either in Reno or in Sacramento. ON the contrary, I would like to see the rodeo in Reno as well as the contest here in Sacramento grow bigger and better each and every year. To this year's contestants I want to say: remember, you're doing it all for Jerry's Kids and Sacramento!

RAMBLER: Do you have a final thought you would like to share with us?

DIGETTE: I would like, at this time, to publicly mention some of the people and organizations I have worked with and enjoyed knowing. In the event I overlooked mentioning anyone, I have not forgotten you, but space is limited: Ernie Brown (Mother Jeffries Award producer), Larry Macy (thanks for helping me when I was sick), Tommy Puckett (for a warm friendship), Wreck Room (my favorite watering hole), Valley Knights Motorcycle Club, all the bowling leagues, the theatrical group, G.N.I.E., all the softball leagues, George Sand, Reno Gay Rodeo, and last but not least, Mother Jeffries. I love one and all - be kind to each other. Ernie Brown and Sacramento, thank you!

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CSI HOLDS FIRST BAKE SALE

On Friday, May 21 the CSI (Charitable Sisters of Izod) held their first bake sale at the Mercantile Saloon.

The purpose for the sale was to raise monies for CSI's entrance fee in the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade (\$25.00), to purchase group membership in OCU (Our Community United) (\$25.00), and to give money to Dignity in order to help them publish their newsletter for one more month.

A total of \$120.45 was raised, less expenses of \$12.00, leaving a total of \$118.45, out of which was taken the designated \$50.00 above mentioned plus \$5.30 for the purchase of patterns for the habits. Dignity will receive at their next meeting the total of \$40.00. The Sisters hope Dignity will benefit from this amount and want to thank you, all of you, for buying and donating the baked goods in order to donate money to these worthy causes.

INVESTITURES 1982

By Kevin Cohee

On May 23, a new reign with a new concept invested over 75 people and/or organizations with titles to hold for the year under our new Emperor IX Doug and Empress IX Billy for our own G.N.I.E. Doug and Billy, with cocktails in hand, created the Rawley Hills Court and offered "no promises" so as not to disappoint anyone. They did make commitments to each other to offer a full year of hard luck and frolic. They seem to have our community's best interests in mind, and they know that they will have to work extra hard to convince disbelievers and non-supporters that this year, under the "Rawley Hills Court," it will be different! I encourage you to give them a chance and help them.

The Investitures were held at the River Bend Country Club in Broderick, with out of town guests from Fresno, Stockton and Modesto. Entertainment filled the room and the hearts of all. It included duets by Doug and Billy, Charlie and Bill, Bob and Carol, Lady Garnet and Leonard, and a show stopper by Miss Lyla and her girlfriend Mary Sue Bob Joe. The Girls from Glad (of Fresno) did a wonderful job with a very punk number. A full evening of outstanding performances and fun was enjoyed by everyone in the audience as well as the staff of River Bend. We certainly look forward to more of these kinds of events and shows from Doug and Billy throughout the year.

The following titles were invested by the Rawley Hills Court for 1982:

King Daddy of All Lushes, Bob L. Mother MORality, Carol. Prime Minister of CCC (Canadian Club & Communications), Tom, Emperor VI. Personal Secretary to their Majesties (Kitten of the Keys), Imperial Grand Dauphine II, Shay. Queen Mother/Hostess of Parliament, Rose. Julia Child of the Rawley Hills Court, Walter, Emperor IV. Mistress of Song and Wine, Tina, Empress VI and VII. Queen of Party and Madness, Cary, Empress II and III. First Lady of Etiquette, Sonny. Consort to First Lady of Etiquette, John. Baroness of Love and Friendship, Willis. Baron of Love and Friendship, Ken, King Father of All of California.

Marci Bo-Coo, Marci, Grand Duchess II. Our Prince of Flowers and Love, Chuck, Grand Duke II. Grand Wizard to the Emperor and Empress IX, Mark L. Sire to the Rawley Hills Court, George M. Royal Hostess of Luaus and Leis, Jesse. First Lady in Waiting to Empress IX, Charlies, Grand Duchess III (S.F.). Personal Attache to the Emperor, Bill W. Duke of Doagonlaire, Charlie P. Duchess of Dragonlaire, Victor E. Fellow Drinking Lush, Royale. Count Kermit, Bob B. Crown Rooster of Lavender Heights, Ralph P. Architectural Advisor of Sets and Props,

Robert G. Advisor of Madcap Make-up, Robert D. Sister Lush, John H. Royal Advisor, Phillip H. Consort to Royal Advisor, Tom C. Personal Counselor to the Emperor IX, Pat H. Personal Counselor to the Empress IX, Lynn M. Lord of Assistance and Virtue, Jack C. Brother Organization, Dignity, Inc. Sister Organization, Charitable Sisters of Izod.

Artist Extraordinaire, Dexter S. Advisor of Flights and Virtues, Kent. Lord of Fun and Frolic, Spanky. Sister Woman to the Court, Olympia. Princess of Pine Valley, Opal G. Purveyor of Weather or Not, John S. Court of Merriment, Wayne B. Consort to the Court of Merriment, Terry P. Princesses of Leather and Love, Carol & Kathy. Contessa of Life and Love, Digette. Beauty Advisor to the Empress, George R. Queen Mother to the Empress IX, Vanetta, Princess Papouli. Lady of Madcap and Misadventure, Jinger. Imperial Supporter, aka Joch A. Strappa, Larry. Lady of Leisure and Glitter, Devora Lynn, Miss Closet Ball. Sister of Habit, Sister Lucien Ready (Lance R.). Protector of all Imperial Packages of the Empire (Richard H. Lord High Executioner, Danny. Lady of Laughter, Kimber Lee. High Priestess of Sacramento, Amber. Lady Zelda, Jim G. Lady Gilda, John G. Advisor of Worldly Affairs, Jim G. The Incredible Magistrate of Menus and Meetings, Paul F. Friend for Life to Empress IX, Lady Garnet. Friend for Life to Emperor IX, Leonard. Lady of Wisdom and Wonder, Barbara. Official Sweetheart, Teresa. Lady of Lust, Miss Edwina. Knights of Leather and Friendship, Valley Knights M.C. Imperial Palace, the Mercantile Saloon. Princess of the Imperial Palace, Bobette. Prince of the Imperial Palace, Ernie. Princess of Lavender Heights, Randy. Princess of Leather and Lashes, La-Kish.

Prince of Leather, Jim H. Guardian of the Chalices at the Palaces, Billy. Magistrate of the Imperial Palace, Rachel. Palace Baroness of Burgers and Buns, Vera. Mixologist of Love, Laughter and Libations, Anna. Count of Lavender Heights, Mike M. Countess of Lavender Heights, Kenny. Sister of Mischief and Madness, Sister Mary Me and Take Me Away From All This (Shawn). Sister Habit of Camp and Frolic, Sister Lyla 'Ot to Get a Man (Kevin).

* * * NEWS FLASH!

Have you wondered what is happening with the old Hut? Well, here's a news flash just received from the new owners. The opening date is June 18, 1982 — the new name is "ANNA MARIE'S" — They will only be open on Fridays and Saturdays, and want to cater to women, but would prefer it to be a ~~wed~~ mixed bar. The mood set for this new bar is a conversational bar with slow dancing. The owners are cordially inviting everyone to come out on June 18th and see what you think!

SPORTS RAP



by Rich Wilkes

BOWLING

The River City Bowlers began a new summer league at Land Park Bowl on the 17th of May and had a very enthusiastic turnout. The league has 20 teams but is still in need of bowlers to fill out some of the teams. So, if you want to join in on the fun for about the next ten weeks, go on out to Land Park Bowl on Mondays at 6:30 and join in on all the fun.

SOFTBALL

After 5 weeks of action we find the Sacramento teams holding their own in the toughest division, the Barbary Coast of the GSL. The Parking Lot Attendants have a record of 2 wins and 3 losses which is respectable considering that as playing experience goes, they are one of the newer teams in the league. With more playing time together they can only get better.

The Wreck Room Stars are one of the more experienced teams in the league and their win-loss records reflect that fact. The Stars have been playing for three years and the new additions to the team have made them even stronger. The Stars are 4 wins and 1 loss and with a little luck they could have easily been 5 and 0 and leading the league.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday nights at the Auxiliary Gym, McClatchy High School from 7 to 9 p.m. On Tuesday nights the team to represent Sacramento in the Olympics, sponsored by Our River City Family, practices at Consumnes River College.

POOL

Just a reminder for all of you billiard players, every Tuesday night at the Wreck Room starting at 7:00 p.m. is the weekly tournament.

GAY OLYMPIC GAMES

The Gay Olympic Games and Gay Cultural Week, August 28th through September 5th. Sponsored by San Francisco Art and Athletics. The idea was initiated in 1980 by several members of the San Francisco gay community. The games were designed to attract competitors from around the world, recognizing gay organized athletics in the major population centers, and to encourage participation from smaller, less organized areas. The games will consist of 17

sports and all sports will have both men and women competing with the exception of wrestling (men only) and Rugby (women only).

The other 15 sports are basketball, billiards (pool), bowling, boxing, cycling, golf, Marathon, physique (body building), power lifting, soccer, softball (slow pitch), swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. The entry fee deadline has been extended to July 1, 1982 with Team Rosters due by July 10th. Any team of four or more in any single sport requires a \$100.00 registration fee. Any individual or teams up to four requires a \$25.00 registration fee per individual. Fees must accompany the registration form.

For more information contact the Gay Olympic Games at (415) 861-8282, or (415) 861-0882, or write Gay Olympic Games, P.O. Box 14874, San Francisco, CA 94114. You can also give me, Rich Wilkes, a call at (916) 927-7287, or write to me in care of the Rambler, and I'll give you whatever information I can. It's still not too late to have Sacramento well represented in the games, but we will have to get a move on.

Tickets are now being sold for opening day and closing day ceremonies. They are \$15 each or \$25 for both. Write to Gay Olympic Games at the above address or use the above phone numbers.

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BUTCH & NELLIE

Sharon McNight sings about them. San Francisco has a bath house in their name. Zoo's everywhere house them. They are even made in cookie forms. They are also the butt of many jokes and stories. For this month's assignment, Butch and Nellie write about ANIMALS!

A crotchety old dowager visited the Sacramento Zoo. She stood staring at two adjacent cages and then asked the keeper: "Young man, what is the difference between the American porcupine and the European porcupine?"

"There's no difference at all," answered the attendant, "except that the prick of the European porcupine is nine inches long, while that of the American porcupine is only seven inches long."

Highly indignant, the old dowager marched over to

the curator's office and demanded that the attendant be discharged for indecent remarks.

"Oh!" said the curator, "you misunderstood him. What he meant was that the quill of the European porcupine is nine inches long, while the quill of the American porcupine is only seven inches long. Actually, neither one's prick is more than two inches long."

A mouse and a lion were in a bar having drinks when a beautiful giraffe wandered in and ordered a cocktail.

Soon the mouse was flirting with the giraffe. It crawled up on its neck and began blowing in the giraffe's ear. The two left immediately.

Several hours passed and the mouse finally returned. His fur was ruffled and his tail curled and limp, and his whiskers were all out of shape. When the lion inquired as to why he looked so beat up, the mouse replied: "Between the kissing and the screwing, I must have run twenty-two miles!"

Butch writes about Connie, the cow, standing on one side of the barbed wire fence, and Barnaby, the bull, on the other side. Connie winked at Barnaby and he leaped over the fence to her side. Flirting with him, Connie batted her eyelashes and asked him if he was Barnaby the bull.

"Not anymore," he squeaked. "That fence was higher than I thought!"

Why does a cow have a long face?

If you had your tits pulled twice a day and were screwed only once a year, you'd have a long face too.

There was a butcher who opened a new establishment and rewarded his first twenty customers with a free goose.

Where do you get virgin wool?

From ugly sheep!

What is the best way to make a bull sweat? Give him a tight Jersey.

They have a new insecticide called Spanish Human. It doesn't kill the flies, but it makes them so horny you can swat them two at a time.

Why do animals lick their genitals? Because they can!

If you have a green ball in your left hand and a green ball in your right hand, what have you got?

You have Kermit the Frog's complete attention!

Then there was the snake who gave birth to a bouncing baby boa.

An attractive young maiden named Myrtle

Had quite an affair with a turtle.

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RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The May meeting of RCBA was held at the Incredible Edible on May 10 and Sacramento Attorney John Newman, candidate for California Senate District 6 addressed the organization, giving his background on the campaign. The new district is also being sought by Sacramento Assemblyman Leroy Greene and the incumbent, Senator Doolittle.

At this meeting a proposed joint meeting with N.O.W. was proposed, with a time and date to be announced, hopefully in July or August, in conjunction with a self defense workshop that can be held out of doors.

A report was given on a recent Pub Crawl given to Lt. Robbie Waters. A group from RCBA took him on a tour of four watering holes on a Friday night to enable the candidate for Sacramento County Sheriff to meet members of the gay community in their social gathering places. The party went from the Parking Lot to the Power Plant, then to the Wreck room, ending up at Club 21. A very good time was had by all, and at each of the places when the announcement was made of Lt. Waters appearance, people were not the least bit shy about coming up to meet the candidate. Lt. Waters is to be commended for making himself available and word is that he enjoyed himself very much.

RCBA tendered the 1982 Gay Freedom Day Parade committee a check in the amount of \$350.00 for transportation costs for a marching band received a report on details for the upcoming event from Jerry Sloan, this year's parade chairman.

The June meeting of RCBA was held June 10 at the Incredible Edible, and Tim Warford, managing editor of The Sacramento Star gave members and guests a run down on the newest publication in Sacramento, the twice a month Star. Tim presented the background and experience of the founding members of the paper, their aims and aspirations and their desire to become a viable community resource.

Jerry Cassidy of Capitol City Co-Op Cab company also addressed RCBA and told us of the efforts of the newly formed company to enter the taxi market in Sacramento. Both the Star and the taxi company have pledged to become RCBA members.

RCBA passed a resolution to join Our Community United as a paid organization member and heard a short address by Philip Hoskins of that group and passed a second resolution promising to give continuing support on a regular basis toward the establishment of a community center.

The next meeting of the River City Business Association will be Monday, July 12, at 8:00 p.m. at the Incredible Edible. Everyone is welcome at the monthly meetings, and you are encouraged to come early to socialize, dine, and make new friends.



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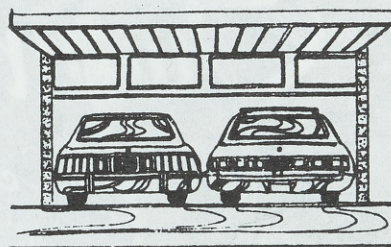
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JUST THINKING . . .

Diets! Seems everywhere we look we hear or read about them. They're a popular topic of conversation. The newest ones are photocopies, exchanged, mailed across country, raved about, modified, and often, quickly discarded. Most of us have tried a few of these "fad" diets, some with success and some with failure. There are as many diets, it seems, as there are people looking for the perfect formula to health, happiness, and the thin life.

Since starting a diet a week ago I've been a lot more aware of the people around me and the shape (or shapes) they're in. Such diversity! Most of the guys in our community seem to succeed at staying fit and trim. I've noticed a lot of salad munchers and club soda drinkers in the crowd. A lot of the gals seem to be fighting the battle of the bulge. I've wondered what goes on that accounts for the difference in attitudes toward weight problems. What goes on in our heads that leads to the extra pounds and inches?

Many times we react to people who expect us to fit a mold, or expectations and standards by rejecting that standard without first examining it. An image of "dainty and feminine" can be rejected without conscious awareness. Others have absorbed the childhood programming to be "big and strong" so well that we've become "big and weak!" Or, it can be a physical problem that we keep "buying into." The blood sugar level drops, tension or depression sets in and something caloric helps, for a little while. But it's the beginning of an endless cycle of ups and downs while the pounds add up.

I sure don't pretend to have all the answers. For myself, joining a local diet group, going on this diet with my "roomie" and having lots of moral support, and finding a restaurant in town that specializes in low calorie food (absolutely delicious, by the way) have all helped me get through the first week. Small rewards on the way seem to help. A new movie, Izod shirts, a drive to San Francisco, are among my favorite rewards for reaching a goal.

How about you? What makes you 'binge out'? Have you got a favorite reward? Do you know a great low-cal recipe. Drop us a line. We can all help each other.

— Joanie

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Manners at the Baths:—

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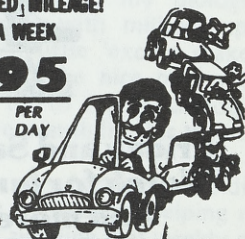
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OUR COMMUNITY UNITED

By Philip J. Hoskins

A large turnout of Sacramento's active gay leadership met together at the Sacramento County Administration Building on May 17, 1982 for Community Leadership Conference II, sponsored by Our Community United.

The conference was an opportunity for the OCU board to report to the community what progress has taken place with regard to the proposed community center and for the community to give its feedback to the board. Several sites have been looked into. Tom Walters, board member and chairman of the Site Selection Committee reported on sites ranging from abandoned schools to fire stations and commercial property.

It was generally agreed by those in attendance that OCU should direct its energies toward a modest initial building capable of housing a meeting room and office. Plans would then continue for a major structure which would have facilities for meetings, seminars, theatrical productions and dances, among other activities.

OCU President Philip Hoskins stressed that the community center depended upon the commitment of organizations, businesses and individuals within the community to its creation. "This is not you and we, either this is all of us or it isn't at all," Hoskins said, in explaining that OCU does not want to be an

alternative organization but an inclusive one. As Emperor IX Doug Shafer put it, "I have been thinking of it as OCU over there and me here. Now I see that it is up to me and each of us to bring about the community Center."

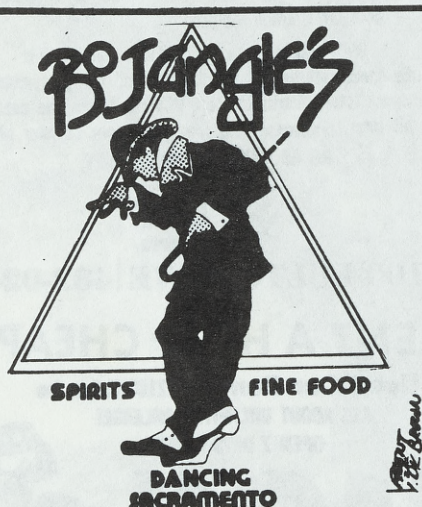
OCU Treasurer Jim Graham reported that OCU has been given \$256 through memberships, \$100 in donations and \$280 from G.N.I.E. fundraisers, \$163 from Wreck Room fundraisers and \$200 from the RCBA-held Community Fund. Expenses have been limited to \$92 for postage and a post office box.

The group discussed the need to coordinate fundraising so that a steady budget is provided for a center and also so that the public doesn't see fundraising for the center as a burden. Organizations will be asked to underwrite the center by making a commitment to raise a given amount of money on a regular basis. Individuals will be encouraged to make donations and become members of OCU as a way of providing continuing support for the center.

Our Community United recently received a letter of determination from the California Franchise Tax Board that it is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization. Donations to it, however, are not deductible by the donor. This ruling was made, says the Tax Board, because OCU conducts no educational activities itself, but merely provides space for those who do. An appeal of the ruling is in progress in an effort to win deductibility for OCU donors.

The next event sponsored by OCU will be a Community Forum in conjunction with the last day of Sacramento's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Week, June 12, 1982. The Community Forum will give everyone an opportunity to meet with OCU and find out what has been and will be happening for the community center project. Several organizations will present information about themselves and conduct fundraising activities for OCU that Saturday at the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Center at 24th and Castro, Sacramento, from 1 to 6 p.m.

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Each midsummer, thousands of people gather to attend one of the largest, and most enjoyable national gay events in Reno. The National Gay Rodeo has grown to receive widespread media attention and, through its Gay Cowboy - Gay Cowgirl contest, has become an important charity fund raiser. The Rambler recently spoke with Sacramento's 1981 Mr. Gay Cowboy, Tom Corbin, about his experience in that role.

RAMBLER: What is involved in being selected Mr. Gay Cowboy of Sacramento?

TOM: The candidates for Mr., Ms. and Miss Gay Cowboy and Cowgirl are expected to raise money donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The person in each category raising the most money wins the title. Usually, money is raised by going from bar to bar and doing fundraiser benefits.

RAMBLER: What made you decide to run for Gay Cowboy?

TOM: Mainly my friends. I wanted to represent Sacramento in the Reno Rodeo after some of my friends convinced me that my background as a cowboy and the way I dress [Ed: Does he wear that hat in bed, too?] made me the perfect candidate. I thought it would be a lot of fun, running.

RAMBLER: Was it?

TOM: A lot of fun and a lot of hard work.

RAMBLER: Was it worth it?

TOM: Yeah, it was worth it. I'm proud to have been Mr. Gay Cowboy of Sacramento.

RAMBLER: What did you learn about Sacramento that you didn't know before you ran?

TOM: That Sacramento can be a united community and we can work together.

RAMBLER: How can the gay cowperson contests better serve to unite the Sacramento gay community?

TOM: I think by staying active and participating in the different community functions, showing that they care. I think it is important that they do have functions so that people do get to know each other. I don't think that the settings necessarily have to be a bar. The fundraisers such as the picnics, pool party and family get-togethers help to improve our community. I also makes the candidate feel better about himself, and it builds a sense of pride.

RAMBLER: Would you recommend any changes in the contest?

TOM: I think the money raised could be put back into the local gay community.

RAMBLER: We understand that you are not running again this year. Why not?

TOM: I've got a lot of other commitments and my time is very limited. I don't think I could do it justice.

RAMBLER: Do you have any suggestions for the candidates?

TOM: There are going to be a lot of disappointments and people won't always come through when they say they will, but there are also going to be a lot of people who will pull through for you. I enjoyed the good competition I faced and it made me work harder to win. I hope this year's contestants beat the record set last year of over \$1,000 and show the other cities that Sacramento can raise a lot of money, too. I know it takes a lot of hard work and I wish everyone well. Enjoy it, and have a lot of fun with it.

Editor's Note: The titles of Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Cowboy/Cowgirl are not affiliated with the National Gay Rodeo per the instructions of Mr. Phil Ragsdale, the founder of the Rodeo. These titles will be returned to their original names and purposes which are Mr., Miss, Ms. Reno Gay Rodeo for Sacramento. These titles will represent Sacramento at the Rodeo with the monies raised locally to be turned over to our local chapter of Muscular Dystrophy. Watch for the beginning of this year's contest in a few days.

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WHY SHOULD I?

By Tom Lane

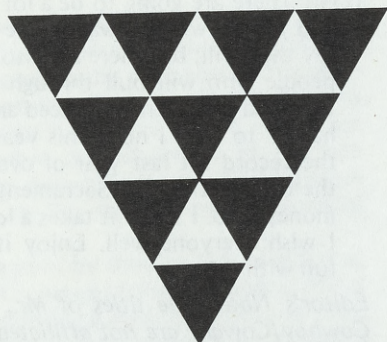
In this day of shortages, when I'm encouraged to conserve, there still lies within me one commodity of which I seem to have an overabundance. I always seem to have an inexhaustible supply to call on when I need them, even though I don't know where I got them.

I'm sure I don't remember seeing them advertised on television or reading about them in the newspaper. I know I didn't pick them up at the market, and it's hard enough to get to the post office to deliver anything, so that's not it.

I think the answer lies within my biological make-up. I think I was born with millions upon millions of those convenient little 'excuse makers' that I call "Why Should I" - the nice part about chalking these little devils up to my psychological being is that I can shed the responsibility for the little buggers.

WSI's sometimes come in very handy for avoiding things like unwanted party invitations, helping my not-so-best friend move, and avoiding that weekly call home to my mother in Stockton. Yet, sometimes those same WSI's get in my way.

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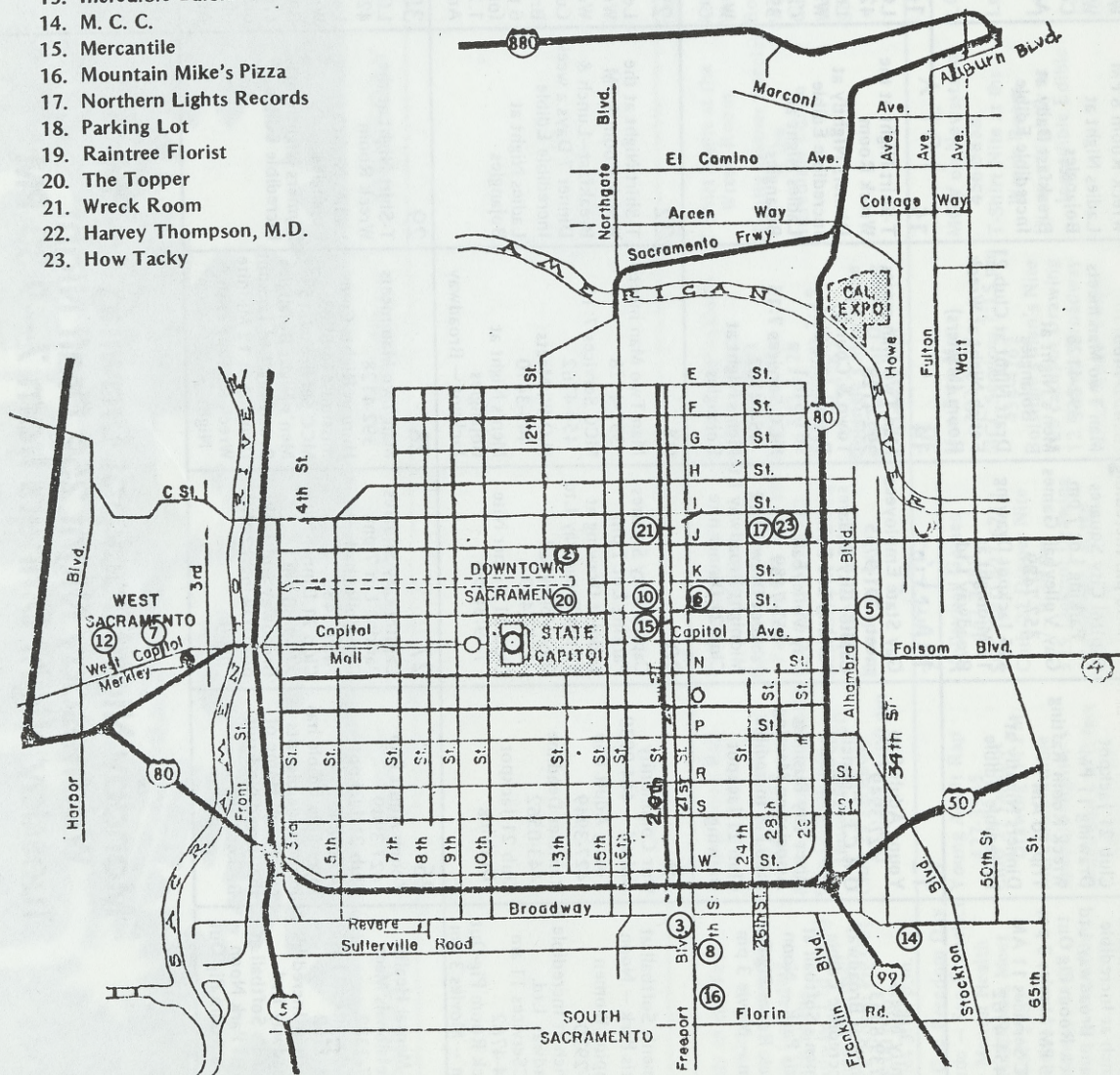
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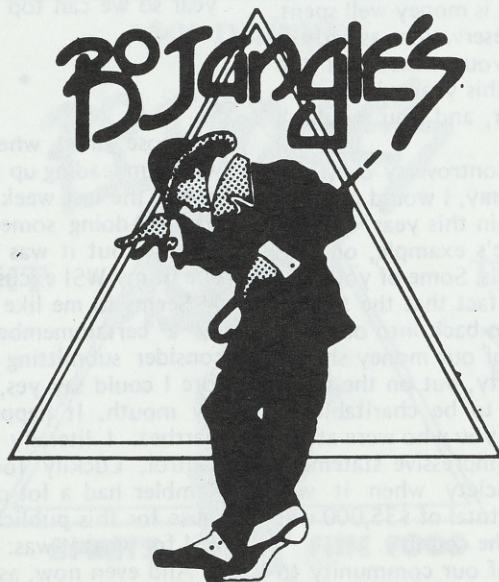


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A MESSAGE FROM MS. SACRAMENTO GAY RENO RODEO 1981

The editor of the Rambler asked me to share with you my feelings about the contest last year. He asked me to express how I felt and what it meant to me.

Muscular Dystrophy is my one and only charity organization I personally donate to each year. Last year, I decided to do more than just donate my own money. I wanted to do more than that. That was the reason I entered the contest. My application was accepted and I received a donation can authorized by MDA along with suggestions on how to raise the most amount of money. I disregarded the suggestions and perhaps I shouldn't have, but did, because I wanted to put myself on the line. I wanted to personally collect all the monies. It was my way of doing more for Jerry's Kids than just make a phone call and write a check. I would like to take this time to publicly thank all you wonderful people who so generously donated to MDA through me.

Little did I know, when I entered, how much joy and fulfillment I would receive in return. It was the only contest I have ever entered where everyone was a winner. Not only was I able to make myself feel good by doing more, but I was allowed to represent my adopted home town of Sacramento at the national contest in Reno. What a rewarding, wonderful time I had attending the Reno Gay Rodeo. I urge everyone in Sacramento to make an effort to attend this year. You won't be sorry. It is money well spent. I suggest you make your room reservations as early as possible, as well as purchase your tickets for the rodeo, because I have a feeling this year will be even bigger and better than last year, and you wouldn't want to miss it.

I am aware there was much controversy over last year's contest, but be that as it may, I would do it all over again. I may even enter again this year, but not to win, rather to follow Digette's example, only to raise more money for Jerry's Kids. Some of you have voiced your opinions about the fact that the \$2,500 raised last year should have gone back into our own community. I agree that most of our money should go back into our own community, but on the other hand, it doesn't hurt us a bit to be charitable to others as well. Besides, those of you who were at the rodeo last year know how an impressive statement was made to the straight society when it was announced that an approximate total of \$35,000 was raised for MDA by gays all over the country.

I urge all charitable people of our community to enter this upcoming contest plus those who don't want to be in the limelight I urge you to give generously. We can all be winners (p.s., it's only money!)

The applications for this year's contest will be in the Mercantile, Club 21, Wreck Room and the Parking Lot. Take one and enter. For further information on how to get tickets for the rodeo, please contact us here at the Rambler, P.O. Box 160877, Sacramento 95816, or call 443-0562. There are three categories: Mr. Reno Gay Rodeo of Sacramento 1982 (any male is eligible); Miss Reno Gay Rodeo of Sacramento 1982 (any male in female attire is eligible); Ms. Reno Gay Rodeo of Sacramento 1982 (any female is eligible). There are no other qualifications to enter. Winning the contest is the most amount of money raised in any one category. The contest begins June 20, 1982 and will run for four weeks, ending July 18th, 1982. The July 18th date means all cans must be turned in by noon that day. They will then be counted and the winners will be announced in a ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. sharp at the Mercantile patio until 8:00 p.m. The ceremony will include entertainment by the Capitol City Squares, The Charitable Sisters of Izod, and a Western Fashion Show by Miss Lyla. Free barbeque will be available as well as banners and buttons to purchase for \$1.00 for you to take with you to the Rodeo to identify Sacramentans in attendance. The money raised from the banners and the buttons will go toward room accommodations for the winners. A complete financial statement will be published in MGW and this publication after the Reno Gay Rodeo.

Let us all reach generously into our pockets this year so we can top last year's overall total of \$2,500.

Love,

— Moddette

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Those times when he WSI's get in my way are what I'm leading up to. I can remember a dozen times in just the last week when the WSI's got right in my way of doing something of which I was perfectly capable, but it was certainly easier to come up with one of my WSI excuses.

Seems to me like just last night, I was approached by a certain member of the Rambler's staff to consider submitting something for publication. Before I could say yes, one of my WSI's popped out of my mouth. It happened almost like a bad case of diarrhea. I literally lost all vowel (and consonant) control. Luckily for me this cub reporter for the Rambler had a lot of persistence and believes in the cause for this publication. She saw right through my WSI for what it was: a lame excuse.

And even now, as I sit here contemplating an end for this piece, I'm thinking to myself that I should tie the whole thought down with some terribly brilliant words of advice, but the only thing that comes to mind is: "Why Should I?"



**WAVING
WITH PEGGY-MARIE**

Hello Dahlings!

My dear readers, as a waveology expert, I must entertain regularly. One Saturday night in May I was witness to one of the most extraordinary shows of our time, at a cute little Victorian on 'L' Street. Miss Lady JoAnna gave a show of all shows. In attendance were Miss Joan Crawford, Mr. J., Brucilla, Edwina and myself. Miss Lady JoAnna did a variety of entertainment including ballet, fan dance, and the popular tune "Endless Love." Refreshments during the performance included Budweiser, Poppers and snacks. Everyone had a flawless time. Throughout Lady JoAnna's show I waved with exuberance at the quality of entertainment I was witness to.

Enough of Lady JoAnna's performance. I must say my gloves are off to Jack and Doug at the Parking

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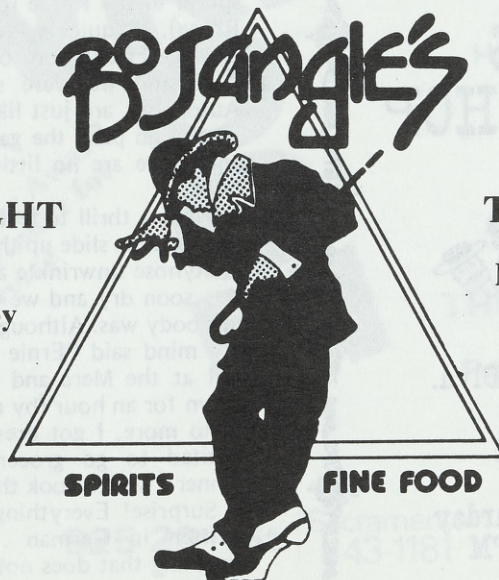


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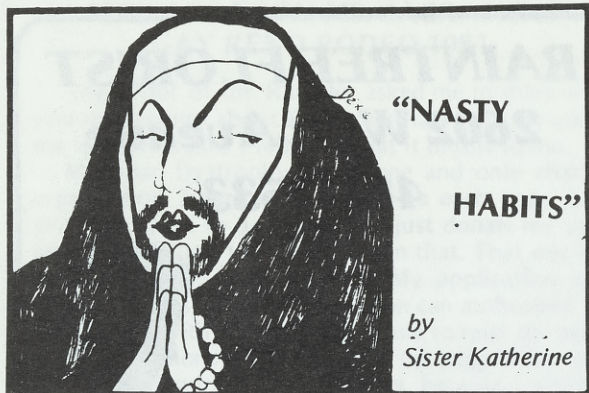
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By Sr. Katherine Belle, C.S.I., M.S.I.

Oh, Babs is so right-on when she sings about memories . . . I was just pouring over my scrapbooks the other day, and it occurred to me that I might share some reflections of my trip to Europe last summer, or what I called "Nun on the Run," so that if any of you are planning on making a pilgrimage to the lands of your ancestors, you'll be prepared.

We flew from San Francisco to Frankfurt non-stop (more on that later). That was the worst part. Since it is a 14 hour flight, it means one is often struck with the need to relieve oneself. The question immediately struck me upon my first yearning, "Why did they design a plane to hold almost 300 passengers and include only 6 potties unless they are severe Sadists

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It was a constant battle, while en route, not to ask one of the stews, "If this is a non-stop flight, how do we get off in Frankfurt?" I thought better of it and scanned some back issues of *Better Convent and Garden* and *Nun's Life*. They quickly bored me, so I drug out the new book I was reading about Coronations called the *Agony and The Ecstasy* (I was scanning the uncut version since that's the way I prefer them). Time flew, as did we, and we were finally in Germany. The airport in Frankfurt is one of the most efficient and sterile facilities I have ever seen (reminds me of a couple of bartenders I know). I had some time to kill, so I hopped up onto the luggage wheel to wait for my Poochies. Some rascal flipped the switch, so I started to go around and around. Some pervert (that's a man who tries to take advantage of you *before* he knows you) tried to grab me off the carousel and I slapped him, pointed to his wife and said, "Excuse me, but I think that's your old bag over there!" The wheel speeded up and I was tossed head over heels onto the tile floor, causing me to do the splits. So much for a grand entrance to Europe.

My friend in Germany was there to pick me up (literally), so luckily I didn't have to cruise the terminal looking for him. It was hot outside, so I mentioned to my friend that I couldn't wait to get out of my habit, slip into something comfy, and splash in the Rhine (or the Chablis, if he was out of Rhine). I quickly got my first taste of German driving. Friend tore out of the airport in his Turbo Audi and we were soon on the Autobahn south. Autobahns are just like Autopia at Disneyland, only when you push the gas pedal down, you do 110 mph and there are no little rails to keep the car on the track.

What a thrill to feel your wimple become airborne, your glasses slide up the bridge of your nose and your pantyhose unwrinkle as you hit 100 mph. My crotch was soon dry and we were at friend's house; at least my body was. Although it was 9:30 a.m. in Germany, my mind said "Ernie is just about to announce last call at the Merc and you are getting sleepy." I lay down for an hour (by myself) and when I could stand it no more, I got dressed and told my friend that I wanted to go grocery shopping for the Mexican dinner I was to cook the next evening.

Surprise! Everything in a German store has labels written in German . . . It is a challenge to find anything that does not have an 8 x 10 picture of the product on it. I was shopping by braille. I ended up

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WRECK ROOM STARS
Baseball Team Schedule

June 20

Stars vs Pendulum
Lang Field No. 1, San Francisco, 1:30 pm

July 4-5

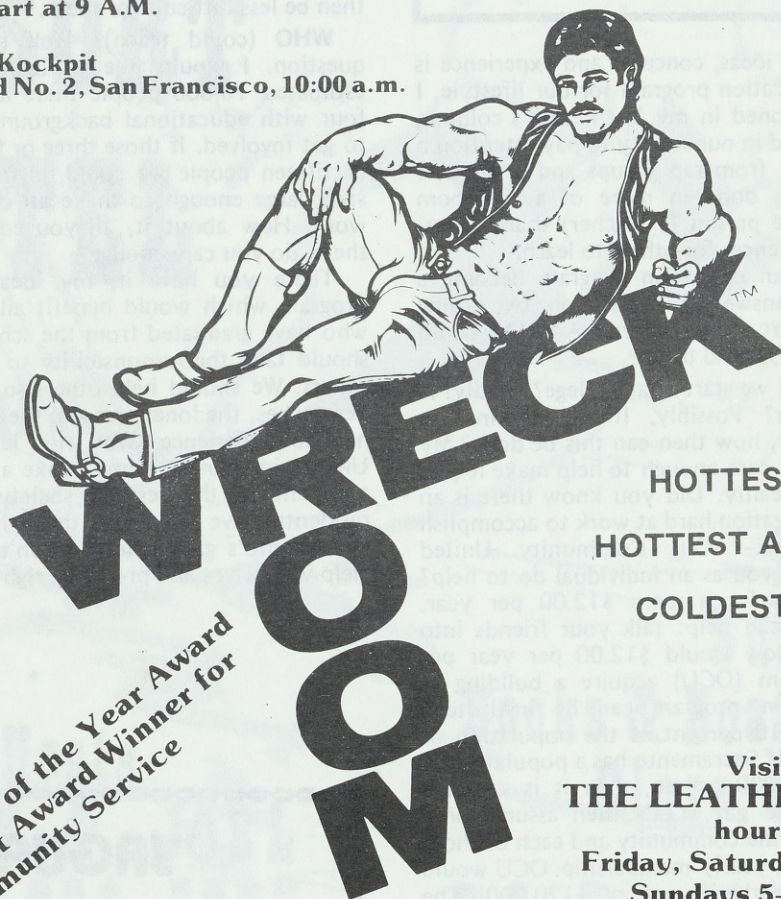
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Light Up Your Closet

An exchange of ideas, concepts and experience is how I view an education program for our lifestyle. I believe, as I mentioned in my last month's column, there is a great need in our society to pay attention to this subject. Apart from rap groups and sessions, I think it should be done in more of a classroom situation where one person (a teacher) shares ideas, concepts and experiences for others to learn.

How can such an education program become a reality? Let me answer this question by asking WHERE we can start such a program — WHAT could we learn — and WHO could teach?

WHERE: Should we start a gay college? Hardly! A Community Center? Possibly. If the community center is the answer, how then can this be done? My answer: only if you care enough to help make it (the center) become a reality. Did you know there is an incorporated organization hard at work to accomplish this enormous task— Our Community United (O.C.U.)? What can you as an individual do to help? Buy a membership for a mere \$12.00 per year. Another way you can help: talk your friends into buying one also. How would \$12.00 per year per individual help them (OCU) acquire a building in which an education program can be instituted? Statistics say that 10 percent of the population of this country is gay. If Sacramento has a population of approximately 200,000 people, then it is assumed 20,000 of them are gay. Let's then assume only 10,000 are active in the community and each of those 10,000 would buy a yearly membership. OCU would be guaranteed a yearly income of \$120,000! The organization needs this kind of financial guarantee in order to secure a building for us. Now you have the WHERE!

WHAT (could we learn)? This subject opens a can of worms. There are, in my opinion, numerous topics which could teach us to lead happier, more productive lives. I think we deserve it, because we are a very special people, and we owe it to ourselves. 1. What do we mean by 'Our Lifestyle'? 2. Learn to understand

we are dealing with 'same as.' 3. Readjusting the loss of family and old friends before gay. (4. How to remain the same person after gay. 5. What 'new gay' and young people should know. and 6. How to give our lives more purpose.

Here you have just a few topics I could think of and I am sure if you put on your thinking caps, you could think of a few more. Oftimes we gays allow our minds to become stagnant by only seeking the momentary pleasures. An education program could help all of us become better adjusted and more knowledgeable in our own lifestyle and it would also enable us to make a more intelligent statement to the straight society. Perhaps the acceptance of us would then be less difficult for them.

WHO (could teach)? Well now, this is a big question. I would like to believe that out of an estimated 10,000 people there are at least three or four with educational backgrounds that would want to get involved. If those three or four would train ten or fifteen people we could, in time, have a teaching staff large enough to make an educational program work. How about it, all you education majors out there, do you care enough?

There you have it, my idea for an education program which would benefit all of us. Those of us who have graduated from the school of hard knocks should take the responsibility to offer guidelines for others. We should help others so they can avoid the heartaches, the loneliness and the rejections which we had to experience. Why not let Our Community United, in years to come, make a political and social statement to the rest of society? Many long time residents have told me there is much apathy in Sacramento's gay society. I don't want to believe it. Help yourselves and prove me right in my belief.

— Moddette

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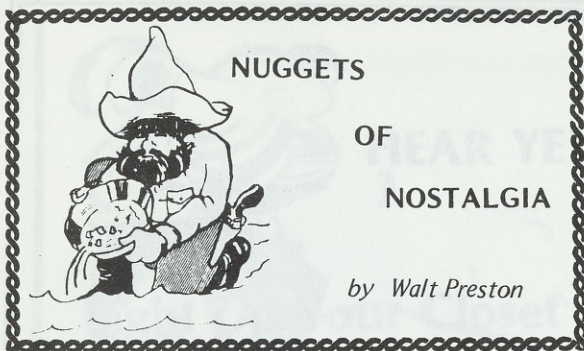
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NUGGETS

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NOSTALGIA

by Walt Preston

Well, June is with us once again, and WoW! is the glittering capitol of the Golden Land ever hot! Even the weather is hot, and the beach ... WOW! You really must get out for some fun in a son. But June is a month of great beginnings for us in California as well as the first hot month of the season.

It was on June 3, 1770, that our first Governor, Don Portola, began building California's Imperial Capitol at Monterey, the first seat of administration in the state. For those C. W. Watchers now perusing this page, dream with me. Just imagine an army of C.W.'s in those very tight pants popular in the 1770's, all working to build the first Capital City in California. Oh, my!

For 76 years Imperial Governors came (and went) in Monterey (and all you folks thought G.N.I.E. was our first Empire! Really, my dears!). Then in 1846 the days of the Empire came to an end. On June 14, 1846 California declared itself an Independent Republic. The words "California Republic" still appear on our state's famous Bear Flag, which was raised by some really wild miners up in Rough and Ready on June 10, 1846. I like that phrase, "Rough and Ready" and it is noised about that members of the leather fraternity were secretly pushing for its adoption as the State Motto. Of course, if they do not succeed, the motto "Eureka" (which translates from the Greek as "I found it") is also nice. It sort of makes one wonder who found what, and where? It is an unending amazement to me that we do not celebrate our very own Independence Day (June 14) because this makes California unique among all the states. Only three states were ever independent nations: The Republic of Texas, the Kingdom of the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii), and our very own California Republic.

The tales of the Republic of Rough and Ready are an interesting footnote to history. In the second half of the fourth decade of the nineteenth century, some miners and ranchers got fed up with the misrule of Imperial Mexico, which was free from Spain at that time. They noted that the folks in Monterey were about to declare independence, so they too proclaimed a nation; the Republic of Rough and Ready.

For a long time, the "citizens" of Rough and Ready continued to opt for an Independent State. It was a Sacramentan who brought the entire affair to a happy end. The Postmaster in Sacramento noticed that the bars in Rough and Ready (and there were many) were shipping their supplies through the mail and transporting their liquor on post roads, so he simply denied the use of the mails and the roads until the rebellion ended. When he booze ran out, the Republic of Rough and Ready collapsed. It is the only time in history that one man conquered an entire nation without any bloodshed. We should take pride in noting that it was a Sacramentan who did it.

Yes, my dears, Sacramento does have a sensational saga to sing.



REVIEW —

SHARON McNIGHT

by Timm Dobbins

The Mae West form in the black spangled body suit with red feathered stillets below and a head of honey colored hair above, bounced onstage at the Parking Lot and began to belt out a Country-Western song so full of double entendre that the audience was clapping and yahooping almost instantly, and we knew there would be no ordinary show.

Ms. Sharon McNight treated the unfortunately small audience to an hour of her interpretations of tunes, from a wonderful piece by the Crusaders about hanging on to live, to a sing-along of "Your Sweet and Shining Eyes." What the mirrors on stage didn't show us of Ms. McNight, her vocal qualities did.

Her singing, as well as antics on stage, remind me of a cross between Martha Raye, Bernadette Peters, and Betty Boop. Her moods ranged from the great humor of "She's Got Marty Feldman Eyes" to the low, bluesy "Stormy Weather." Her choice of material aptly demonstrated her versatility and showcased her voice in near actress form, coaxing from it gutsy sounds for the C&W numbers, and sad, pleading tones for the ballads.

She shared some stories of her recent tour of Germany with the crowd and brought the house down with her rendition of Betty Davis (her idol) in German. Her campiness and clever repartee on stage came to her from, as she put it, "cutting her teeth on drag queens years ago!" Her stage presence was electric, her range of material broad enough to satisfy most anyone, and her show, in this reviewer's opinion, was too short and one that I'm sorry so many missed.

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NASTY HABITS (Cont) . . .

buying five boxes of rubbers just because they had such a lovely picture of a little girl on a bicycle on them (I still have those pictures framed by my bed). The second surprise is that you must pay for all this with German money. I know that \$2.99 is too much for a six pack of Coke, but is DM 6,45? And after all this, there weren't even any hunky little bag-boys to pack it all up for me. By the way, I still have a cute little bottle of Globlauch that I got for only DM ,45, so if any of you can tell me what I can do with it . . .

Next Month: German Gay Bars

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DIGNITY / SACRAMENTO

Happy Seventh Anniversary, Dignity/Sacramento!

Spring has arrived, accompanied by two momentous events: 1. the seventh anniversary of Dignity/Sacramento; and 2. the return of The Heart, after two months. First, a word about The Heart Newsletter and its finances:

After two months without The Heart, Dignity/Sacramento has gained the financial resources— thanks to a member who wishes to remain anonymous— to publish The Heart, at least for the next three months. Remember, you can help, too, by making a tax deductible donation to Dignity/Sacramento. The Heart costs about \$30—\$40/month to publish— every little big helps! Which brings up another point. Please let us know of your change of address. Returned mail costs 25c per piece, an expense we really can't afford. You can let us know your new address by writing us at P.O. Box 161765, Sacramento 95816, or call us at our new telephone number, 739-8353.

Dignity/Sacramento is being honored this year by hosting the Region IX Conference. Region IX is composed of 15 regular chapters and 3 informational chapters in California and Nevada. The conference is held every other year in even-numbered years. Meetings will be held at CSUS July 3 and 4. The theme will be "Where Will the Spirit Move Us?" Arrangements are being handled by Spencer Fields. He has an impressive line-up of guest speakers: Josette Mondonaro, Fr. Larry Tozzio, OFM, Gary Miller, Gay ACLU from San Francisco, our local chapter of the Gay AA, Sister Katherine. More speakers will be announced as commitments are received. The meetings are open to the public, Catholic and non-Catholic alike; all are invited to attend. Cost is yet to be established and will be announced in the next issue.

Assistance will be appreciated with providing housing for conference attendees. If you can help, please give us a call at 739-8353, or Steve Groff at 454-3028.

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Congratulations are in order for our new officers: Bill Stuart and Pat Moore, co-directors; Pam Y., Treasurer; Steve Groff, Secretary; Spencer Fields and Charles Yunker, Regional Representatives. Our prayers to the new officers for success in the coming year.

To start Spring off right, a social committee has been formed to create social functions for Dignity members and friends. Steve Goetz is the chairman and is anxiously awaiting calls from all of you for ideas for some social events. Come on, Spring is here and Summer is coming! Give Steve a call at 442-4118. Watch for announcements in future issues!

Dignity/Sacramento is now 37 members strong, two of whom are transfer members: Kevin B. (all the way from Florida) and Les S. from San Francisco. Ron D. is chairing a membership committee to help 'get the word out' about Dignity/Sacramento. If you would like more information about Dignity/Sacramento give us a call at our new telephone number: 739-8353, or give Ron a call at 422-5795.

Dignity/National is still having some problems getting the National Newsletter out. If you haven't received yours, please give us a call at our new telephone number, 739-8353, and let us know. We'll try to get it taken care of.

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VALLEY KNIGHTS NEWS

By Ryder B. Crystall

Two Sacramento women bikers won top honors in the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club motorcycle competition held on May 9. Michelle Hewus of the Leather and Lace M.C. took home the First Place Rider trophy and Dana Knight of the Amazons received the trophy for best buddy rider. The women, along with about 20 other motorcyclists, demonstrated their skill in three events requiring coordination, timing and careful maneuvering of motorcycles at slow speed.

The bike events were held in conjunction with the Valley Knights Sixth Anniversary party and were run with smooth efficiency by Road Captain Ron Strouse. The other winners lined up as follows: Second place rider, Earl Grist, Valey Knight; Third place rider, Ronald McDonald, independent. Second place buddy, Bob King, independent; and third place buddy, Jim Kirkstra, Valley Knight.

Following the competition, a crowd representing clubs and friends of the Valley Knights from throughout Northern California and Nevada partied at the Power Plant, consuming mass quantities of free food and beer. Entertainment was provided by Sister Katherine and the Nunnettes.

On the weekend of June 12-13 the Valley Knights will ride to Fresno to join the newly-formed chapter of the Knights of Malta at a luau. The Fresno group is an enthusiastic all-motorcycle club. The Valley Knights are looking forward to the get-together and to a long lasting association with the members.

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WHAT IS A HOME?

Have you ever thought
Of the home that is or is not?
What makes the house
The home for you or your spouse?

It is not the plan of structure
Nor is it the elaborate furniture.
It is not the exterior,
Nor is it the interior.

No, it is not a house's physical parts
That makes it home within our hearts.
It cannot be the interior designing
That creates a home that is mine.

A home is an emotional caring
That comes from sacrificial loving.
It is your complete effort
To produce a place of comfort.
It is the state of serenity
Accompanied by total security.

— Digette

A NEW YEAR — A NEW BEGINNING

by Larry Macy

The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire has been in existence for the past eight years. This social/service organization encourages its members and citizens of our community to direct their efforts towards social and entertainment events, fund raising, and a common purpose of working for a Gay Community Center. In the past, Emperors and Empresses (Co-Chairs of the Court) have actively served the needs of the Sacramento gay community through their own courts and individual interpretations.

Our most recently elected monarchs, Emperor IX Doug and Empress I and IX Billy, created a festive and entertaining celebration on Sunday, May 23rd at the River Bend Country Club. At the beginning of each reign our new representatives hold an evening of "Camp & Circumstance" known as an INvestiture. Their their evening of frolic both Doug and Billy chose to name their new court as the "Rawley Hills Court" of G.N.I.E. With a stunning set of an ever-flowing champagne bottle, this crazy duo made a toast to "Up Yours and Be Real!" Appropriately so, they chose to name the Mercantile Saloon as their "Imperial Palace" where you can be assured people have been known to consume more than their fair share of brew.

Among over 60 camp and fun titles given out to members of the community, some notable people received great honors — Charlie Preston, Carol and Kathy, Ernie Brown, Anna, Barbara Disney, and Jim Graham — just to mention a few. The evening highlighted an excellent buffet and a wide variety of spectacular entertainment. It's amazing the quality of creative local entertainment that continues to come forth. Doug and Billy were honored that Miss Lyla and her traveling companion (Shawn), along with Mrs. Beasley, and Bob and Carol were all able to bring back some Camp Show-Biz. OUR many thanks to Empress IX Jerry of Fresno for a smashing performance. By the way, the Fresno Girls from Glad traveled many miles simply to bring their plastic trash and garb to us. Great set, Girls!

I heard comments that if this evening is any indication of the year ahead with Doug and Billy that Sacramento will have one of the hottest courts around. A slogan which they used for their campaign is beginning to take shape in the community, "Organization and Fun . . . It Can Be Done!" The efforts these two people have already put out and the energy created have brought in over \$300.00 for Our Community United, the local Gay Community Center project. I strongly urge each of you to look at your place in your own community; and then make it your purpose to contribute a positive effort of loving support and communication.

Both Doug and Billy wish to invite you to their court meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Incredible Edible. Anyone is more than welcome to attend. Watch for more news about the "Rawley Hills Court." Might I add, this is the first time that an entire audience has come up to pay their respects to an Emperor and Empress at their very first function.

Doug and Billy, congratulations on a New Beginning!

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For which my heart cries.

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When I can remember
The times we had together.

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PEGGY MARIE (Continued from Page 21)

Lot for providing me with so many hot men to teach my most treasured profession to. Thanks again, Parking Lot. Now for all you hot men who want to learn all about waving (but were afraid to ask!) I'll be at the Parking Lot every Saturday and Sunday to give exhibitions on waving. See you all there. Until next month, when I disclose the student body of my waveology school, Keep on Waving!

Love,

— Peggy Marie

P.S. For those of you who are interested in seeing Lady JoAnna's private showing, please write me care of the Rambler.

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RECIPIES



By Sister Grace
(I'll have just one more and
then I simply must be dashing!)

VEGETABLE SOUPE

Well, darlings, this little number will warm your tummy and keep it slim. First, take one large size pot to hold all this. Then, take three onions and cut the little critters up into nice size chunks; one head of cabbage (don't forget to cut out the core) chopped up roughly, four medium carrots, sliced, four stalks of celery, one bell pepper chopped, and one can of stewed tomatoes.

Put all the ingredients into the pot and add water to boil for four hours. It's a long time, but all those little calories just steam away.

Finally, take one package of onion soup mix and dump it in, add pepper to taste, and you have a soup that you can't pass up . . . Well, just *one* more bowl . . .

(Next month: Enchiladas a la Mexico!)

NORTHERN LIGHTS

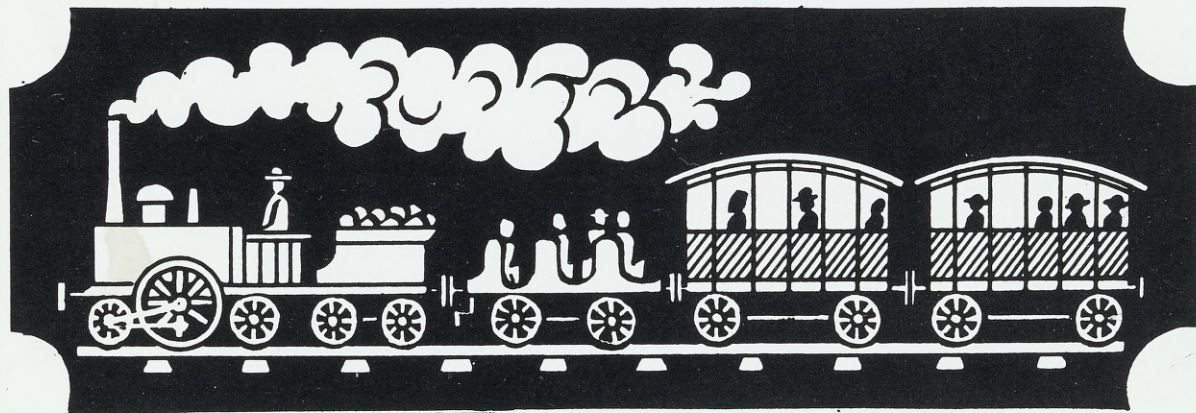
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